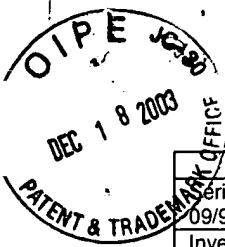


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Inventor(s) Lawrence I. Bell et al.			
Title of Invention Cheese Fractionating Process			

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Transmitted herewith is Response to Restriction Requirement; and return post card.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Petition for a _____month extension of time.
- No additional fee is required.
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicants have timely filed this response to restriction requirement as evidenced by the above certificate of mailing. Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-17, 19-21, 23-36 and 47-52, without traverse. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner advance the application to examination.